



UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ACROSS EUSTON

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As you may be aware, there have been some changes announced to the work taking place on HS2 in Camden.

In this newsletter you will find information on which construction activities will continue, which activities will stop and the plan for managing the space while construction is paused on the HS2 terminus.

In line with direction from the Government, HS2 will not proceed

with the full construction of Euston station in the next two years.

Inflation pressures and an unaffordable station design mean that we will use this time to look again at the design to ensure that it is affordable and delivers for you, the local community and passengers.

HS2 and its contractors are also pausing some construction activities between Euston and Old Oak Common.

This includes activities in the Euston Approaches and for the Adelaide Road Headhouse and Ventilation Shaft.

Where it can be done safely, HS2 will remove temporary road closures, change hoarding lines to reduce their impact on the community and explore which areas could be opened up for temporary use to provide spaces for the community while construction is paused.

WORK UPDATES: STATION WORK SITES

Work will continue in some areas of the site adjacent to the station. Below you can see where work will continue and where you will see a stop in activity.



1. and 2. Main HS2 station site

Work in the main HS2 station site (former National Temperance Hospital) has been brought to a **stop**.

3. Old Maria Fidelis School site

The completion of the Mace Dragados office facilities and the Construction Skills Centre at the old Maria Fidelis School site will **continue**.

The Construction Skills Centre will be handed over to Camden Council towards the end of this year to allow it to open in 2024.

4. Traction sub-station site

Work to construct the new Traction sub-station and subsequent fit out will **continue** until 2025.

This new sub-station will provide an upgraded power supply to the Northern and Piccadilly lines.

The sub-station tunnels are complete and over the next few months HS2 will start to construct the external concrete walls and floor slabs of the building above ground.

5. Two Towers site

Work on the Two Towers site has been brought to a **stop**.

6. Eastern interim taxi rank

Construction work will **continue** to create a new interim taxi rank in Euston Square Gardens East. More information about this will be provided at a later date.

Euston Road

The work in Euston Road has **stopped**. HS2 will reinstate the

central reservation to make it safe during the project pause and all lanes will be returned to use.

Robert Street, Hampstead Road and Cobourg Street

There are some **ongoing** Mace Dragados utility works, including a worksite located in Robert Street which is anticipated to be removed by the end of May.

UK Power Network works in Hampstead Road are also due to complete in May. There may be further HS2 utility works in the area and if so, more information will be provided at a later date.

The utility works in Cobourg Street have **paused** and the programme for moving the hoarding back and reopening the road is being considered in relation to other HS2 works.

WORK UPDATES: EUSTON APPROACHES

While some works in Euston Approaches (the area between Hampstead Road and Parkway) are being paused after the recent Government announcement, Skanska Costain STRABAG (SCS) continues work to extend Granby Terrace and Hampstead Road bridges and to prepare for tunnelling.

1. Euston Cavern

Piling and concreting works in the Euston Cavern area will **continue**. SCS will continue to use the lorry layby at the northern end of Park Village East to support works at track-level.

Cavern shaft excavation and mechanical excavations of tunnels are being **paused** in this area. The works to construct the three-storey office and welfare building for the tunnelling team will also be paused.

2. Mornington Street Bridge

Mornington Street Bridge remains closed to vehicles - but open to cyclists and pedestrians - for surveys and monitoring. SCS is now exploring options to re-open the bridge earlier than planned, which was expected to be 2028.

3. Euston Scissor Box

Piling will **continue** until summer 2023. Tunnelling and major excavations have been paused in the Euston Scissor Box south of Mornington Street Bridge.

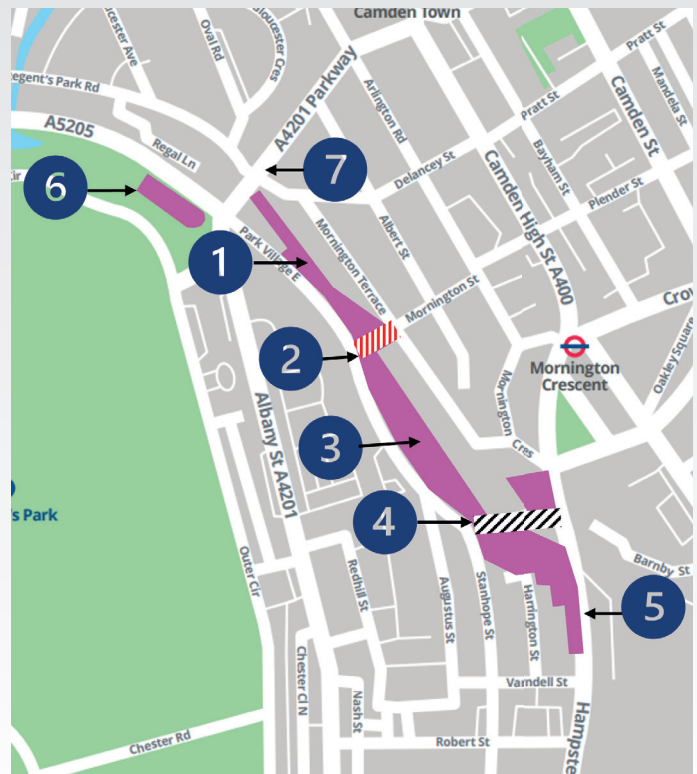
The install of a new lorry layby at the southern end of Park Village East has now been **paused**. SCS has lane and footpath closures and parking bay suspensions on Park Village East while worksite hoarding is replaced. Once this work is complete in summer 2023, they will remove the temporary traffic measures and reopen the parking bays.

4. Granby Terrace Bridge

The works to extend Granby Terrace Bridge across the railway cutting and divert utilities away from Hampstead Road will **continue**. The bridge will remain closed until works in the Euston Approaches are complete. For safety, vehicle or pedestrian access will not be provided while major construction works continue on and around the bridge.

5. Hampstead Road

Piling and utilities works **continue** behind the site hoarding on Hampstead Road. This is an active worksite which means the western footpath and bus stop B will remain closed.



6. Vehicle Holding Area (VHA)

The VHA remains operational for HS2 construction vehicles to wait in until nearby worksites are ready to receive them. This avoids queueing in streets near worksites.

7. Parkway

The Parkway utility works - due to start in March 2023 - have now been **paused**. Thames Water will carry out sewer works on Gloucester Avenue starting from late May until early 2024.

Area wide works

Instrumentation and monitoring activities will **continue** throughout the Euston Approaches. SCS will **continue** to carry out surveys within the Euston Approaches to support their design and assurance processes.

Property and asset mitigation works will **continue** ahead of tunnelling. The noise insulation programme will **continue**.

WORK UPDATES: ADELAIDE ROAD SITE

Work will continue at the Adelaide Road Headhouse and Ventilation Shaft site until spring 2024 when construction activities can be brought to a safe stop.

Work that will continue until spring 2024 include finishing excavation activities on the site to construct a big concrete base for the Adelaide Road Headhouse.

The site hoardings and 24-hour security will remain in place during the pause to works, but all of the large machinery will be removed from the site. The site will be maintained and regular environmental monitoring will take place. Although the site cannot be opened up for temporary use during the pause to works due to safety reasons, HS2 is reviewing how the site can be left during the pause and more information will be provided about this at a later date.

NETWORK RAIL STATION

Work continues at the station to implement measures that will improve how passengers move around the station and receive information.

New screens have recently been installed on the piazza and work has commenced on removing the old departure screen inside the station.

The pause in work on the HS2 station at Euston will have an impact on what spaces will continue to be available within the Network Rail station. There will no longer be an immediate requirement to move the ticket office or assisted travel facility and Network Rail is currently exploring what options they have for using the space in the interim. Network Rail will be able to share more information on this at a later date.



Network Rail continues to make changes to Euston station in preparation for HS2, however the pause will affect this programme and they are working closely with HS2 to establish what this will mean in practice.

Over the Easter bank holiday weekend - during a planned four-day closure of the railway into London Euston - work was completed to prepare for the future HS2 station.

To help minimise disruption to passengers, these improvements were delivered at the same time Network Rail completed track and signalling upgrades at Watford Junction which will help to make journeys on the West Coast Main Line more reliable.

Critical work will continue to take place on the western side of the station, however, all platforms currently in use within the station will remain operational for the time being.

TEMPORARY USE

Pausing work on the HS2 station will mean there will be several work sites across the Euston area where work will be brought to a stop.

This presents the opportunity to remove temporary road closures, change hoarding lines to reduce their impact and explore which areas could be opened up for temporary use to provide spaces for the community while construction is paused. Any temporary use will need to be evaluated for access, safety, drainage, power and speed of implementation.



What happens next?

Your input will be crucial in determining what happens with these spaces during this time.

Community representatives attended an initial site visit to look at what spaces might be available and how these could be used during the pause period. Further work is now being done to develop proposals based on this feedback.

Once the available areas have been confirmed and proposals for these fully developed, the community will be asked for their views on them. Further information on how this will be done will become available soon.

If you'd like to know more about this in the meantime, please contact Nassar Ali by sending an email to Nassar.Ali@hs2.org.uk who will be able to answer your questions.

BUZZ ON CAMPUS

Camden Council has opened a brand new temporary open space at the former Maria Fidelis School.

Starcross Yard Temporary Open Space has been created on the former Maria Fidelis School site in Starcross Street and will be open for the public to enjoy for the duration of HS2 works in Euston.

Starcross Yard Open Space is part of Camden Council's programme of work to help mitigate the impacts of HS2 in the Euston area. Improvements are also nearing completion at Cumberland Market and Amphil Square Estate.

Camden's Green Space team and Camden Council have been able to reuse, repair and refurbish materials from across the borough to help create the yard. This includes railings and gates refurbished from the former St James's Gardens, which was located just behind the old school building.

The cast iron pillars which form the pergola have been salvaged from the King's Cross station development. The cobble setts, granite blocks and flagstones have also been reclaimed from previous highways schemes across the borough, including some of the original 19th century cobbles from Cumberland Market. Finally, the granite kerbs which the railings sit on have been salvaged from Alfred Place as part of the West End Project works.

Other improvements include 14 new trees, a large lawn and new planting including a wildflower meadow area. The benches and bins have been refurbished from across the borough.



BUZZ ON CAMPUS



Stories of St James's Burial Ground Exhibition

This free exhibition has moved to a Camden venue from its host parish at St James's Church Piccadilly.

The Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre is hosting an interactive art installation exploring the lives of five people who were buried at St James's Burial Ground next to Euston Station during the 1700s and 1800s.

The exhibition is part of HS2's archaeology programme. Curated by Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA), one of the companies behind the archaeological excavation of the burial ground, the exhibition brings the voices of past Londoners back to life through a captivating audio experience. It gives a unique insight into how people lived in a time of incredible growth and change in London.

Venue: Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, 32-38 Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8PA

Times: Mondays and Tuesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 10am-7pm, alternate Saturdays 11am-5pm

Dates: 25 April – 31 August 2023

The Euston Partnership was established to better integrate the three major projects at Euston: HS2's construction of the central London terminus and improved tube connections, Network Rail's redevelopment of the mainline station and the wider development of the urban environment managed by the Master Development Partner, Lendlease.

The Partnership brings together the three projects alongside Camden Council, Transport for London, the Greater London Authority and the Department for Transport - providing a single guiding mind for the entire Euston Campus to ensure a collective effort to drive forward the benefits for all those who live, work and travel through Euston.

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